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mission statement

Caring Community Friends lends a hand to people in our service area who have genuine basic needs, guiding them toward dignified and sustainable self-sufficiency.

Annual Community Partnership Levels

- **Founder**.....\$5,000 or more
- **Leader**.....\$2,500 to \$4,999
- **Mentor**.....\$1,000 to \$2,499
- **Neighbor**.....\$250 to \$999
- **Friend**\$50 to \$249

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Hope in Motion. 1992—2017

In August of 1992, the Sapulpa Ministerial Alliance members came up with the idea of creating a “service headquarters” to help meet the needs of the local community. These visionaries put the wheels into motion for “Caring Community Friends” to become a centralized location where community members could go to receive assistance with food, rent, and utilities. Initially, Caring Community Friends operated out of a house on Walnut Street, provided by the First Presbyterian Church. At that time, food was scarce and funds were meager. Through faithful contributions from Sunday School classes, Scout Troops, and caring individuals, CCF was able to keep the doors open and the vision alive. CCF soon applied for, and received, their Certificate of Incorporation as a not-for-profit organization. Willie Mary Walters was hired as the director of the young agency in May of 1993. By 1999, the agency had out-grown the modest home, which presented a need for a new facility. Thanks to the generosity of the community, CCF relocated to its current location off of Main Street on Burnham. Opportunities quickly evolved for a wide range of programs when Caring Community Friends became a partner of the Community Food Bank of Eastern

Oklahoma. In 2007, the agency earned the status as a full United Way member agency. Today, Caring Community Friends is a thriving, multi-faceted agency, providing dozens of on-going programs and services to neighbors in need. Caring Community Friends will always appreciate its firm foundation and will continue to carry out the founders’ ministry and mission to ensure a brighter tomorrow for future generations.

Get Involved!

Volunteers are
Always appreciated!

Current Needs:

Drivers—load, deliver, &
unload food donations

Pantry Workers—sort, stock shelves and
prepare food orders for distribution to
clients.

Food4Kids— sorting, counting and
packing food for schools.

As needed—willing to volunteer for
special projects.

You set the hours you are available,
and we will make it work!



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Basic Needs Agency



Over 12,000 people in the Sapulpa area received services last year funded in part or all by the United Way. The United Way “Day of Caring” brings together volunteers who are committed to creating a positive change in their community. Volunteer teams, organized primarily by local companies, complete projects for local nonprofit agencies. Volunteers with the Sapulpa Public Schools and TD Williamson dedicated their “Day of Caring” to helping out at Caring Community Friends. Treasurer, Vickie Beyer served as Sapulpa’s 2016 United Way Campaign Chair. She told us, “Sapulpa is a generous and caring community. The last few years have been tough for Oklahoma’s economy, and our neighbors need help more than ever.”

YEAR IN REVIEW

2016

25 CCF Fast Facts

1. CCF is Creek County’s Largest Food Pantry.
2. CCF is a “Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma” Approved Site.
3. CCF has numerous Feeding America Approved Partnerships.
4. CCF is a Tulsa Area United Way Partner Agency.
5. CCF is an active member of the Creek County Community Partnership.
6. CCF is a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit organization.
7. CCF is a member of the Sapulpa Healthy Living Committee.
8. CCF is a member of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.
9. CCF is a member of the County Wide Community Baby Shower Committee.
10. CCF provides Emergency Utility Assistance.
11. CCF offers a weekly free Fresh Market.
12. CCF partners with Kids Klost to provide clothing to students.
13. CCF provides 100% of the food for the Food4Kids program.
14. CCF’s Senior Serving’s Program provides food to senior adults.
15. CCF Christmas Stars provides Christmas presents for children in need.
16. CCF provides Prescription Medication Assistance.
17. CCF helps young families with infant clothing, diapers, and formula.
18. CCF provides Coats for Kids.
19. CCF provides toiletries and paper goods to individuals in need.
20. CCF partners with Goodwill Industries to help individuals purchase clothing for work.
21. CCF partners with Creek County Ambulance to provide Car Seats to low-income families.
22. CCF partners with OG&E to provide Box Fans to individuals during summer months.
23. CCF provides surplus food to partner agencies, retirement centers, Central Tech., and more.
24. CCF Recycles 100% Food Waste through composting and food for livestock.
25. CCF Recycles 100% of plastic and cardboard through SHOW, Inc.

BEST PROGRAM EXPANSION



The Food4Kids Program has expanded beyond the Sapulpa Elementary Schools, Sapulpa Middle School, and Lone Star School. Food4Kids now includes the Sapulpa High School and Bartlett Academy!

BEST NEW PRACTICES

CCF has consistently recycled plastic bottles and cardboard boxes through



SHOW, Inc. New in 2016, produce that arrives at the agency in spoiled condition does not go to waste! These foods are given to gardeners for composting and farmers for livestock.

BEST NEW PROGRAM



The weekly Fresh Market program debuted in February of 2016. To date, over 14,000 pounds of produce has been distributed!

BEST ADDITION



In 2016, the box truck was wrapped with the CCF logo and list of services (making it a wonderful traveling billboard).

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EYE ON TRENDS

The recent food security summit shared thoughts on “permaculture” and “native agriculture.” What better way to feed people than using public lands such as schools, rights of way, trails, and parks? The concept of Native Agriculture looks to build sustainable food systems through community parks; the ultimate goal being to improve health, strengthen food security, and increase control over Native agriculture. Community gardens are also gaining attention. These gardens can bring different generations together. Community gardens can be used as a tool for getting children involved in gardening. This resource can change the way youth perceive food and may alter the way they eat. These trends hold a wealth of potential to impact future generations.